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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Accompanying Request for Continued Examination
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

In response to the Office action, made final and mailed on July 18, 2008 in the above-identified patent application, Applicant has elected to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

As a submission required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and defined in § 1.114(c), the following amendment accompanies the present RCE.

(The RCE and this amendment are being filed on October 20, 2008, the first business day following the Saturday, October 18, 2008 date that is three calendar months from the mailing date of the Office action, and are therefore timely filed.)

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.